

# Good News

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# Announcements



**Time  
To  
Register**

**\$1.00 Fee**

**Registration is extremely important!**

We must update our records to reflect any changes in membership.

Please don't forget to register. The last day to register is Sunday, February 5, 2023, after the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

Your failure to register in person by Sunday, February 5, 2023, will indicate that you no longer consider yourself a member of this congregation. The termination of individuals will include the forfeiture of all rights and privileges associated with membership, including weddings and funerals.



Please plan to attend weekly at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. If you are unable to attend in person, tune in via live stream.

All Macedonia Women are invited to join in wearing Afrocentric Attire on the Fourth Sunday in February. Let's all be in uniform and represent our heritage with thanksgiving. Pictures will be taken for the Macedonia Newsletter.

## **NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**





The Nursery reopened on Sunday, December 4th. Volunteers serve one select Sunday per month during the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service. If interested, please contact Sis. Maxine Gardner at 313-255-4643





## WEEKLY SERMONS

CDs and DVDs are available through the Audio Ministry. Visit [www.mbcdet.com/media](http://www.mbcdet.com/media) or via the **MBCDET app** to listen to archived sermons.

-  January 8, 2023, 11:00 a.m.  
**“A Nehemiah Calling”**  
Nehemiah 4:1-4  
Pastor Terry Minor
-  January 15, 2023, 11:00 a.m.  
**“A Treasure for Troubled Times”**  
2 Corinthians 4:7-10  
Pastor Terry Minor
-  January 23, 2023, 11:00 a.m.  
**“A Praise From A Cave”**  
Psalms 34:1-7  
Pastor Terry Minor
-  January 29, 2023, 11:00 a.m.  
**“Oh Taste And See That The Lord is Good”**  
Psalms 34:8  
Pastor Terry Minor

## Valentines to Give Your Children

- **Acceptance** – Teach kids that you love them for who and what they are. Give this gift with a **kiss**.
- **Self-confidence** – Help children understand that they can trust themselves. Give this gift with a **hug**.
- **Life without needless fears** – Don't let your kids see you as a worrier. Give this gift with **laughter**.
- **Appreciation** – Help children acquire a spark of gratitude and enjoy all of life. Give this gift **as they go out the door**.
- **Faith** – Introduce your children to God, the best friend they'll ever have. Give this gift by taking them to **church** every Sunday.



**A CORRECTION FROM THE JANUARY NEWSLETTER, WITH OUR APOLOGY.**

**Chairman of Trustee Board—Bro.  
Wendell Smitherrman**

**Chairman of Deacon Board—Deacon  
Robert Cottrell**

# WHAT DID JESUS SAY ABOUT PRAYER AND FASTING

Submitted by Gwendolynne Howell

Jesus was clear about what we should do during a fast: “Do not look dismal like the hypocrites,” (Matthew 6:16). He said it is fine to anoint your head with oil during fasting. He also said to give what we would have spent on food to the poor (Matthew 6:18). But biblical fasting must be done in secret, not broadcast. We do our fasting before God and man will never know unless we tell someone. (Luke 2:37;5:33)

## CHRISTIAN FASTING—WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

Scripture does not command Christians to fast. God does not require or demand it of Christians. At the same time, the Bible presents fasting as something that is good, profitable, and beneficial. The book of Acts records believers fasting before they made important decisions (Acts 13:2; 14:23). Fasting and prayer are often linked together (Luke 2:37; 5:33) too often, the focus of fasting is on the lack of food. Instead, the purpose of fasting should be to take your eyes off the things of the world to focus completely on God. Fasting is a way to demonstrate to God, and to ourselves, that we are serious about our relationship with Him. Fasting helps us gain a new perspective and a renewed reliance under God.

Although fasting in Scripture is almost always a fasting from food, there are other ways to fast. Anything given up temporarily in order to focus all our attention on God can be considered a fast (1 Corinthians 7:1-5) Fasting should be limited to a set time, especially when fasting from food. Extended periods of time without eating can be harmful to the body. Fasting is not intended to punish the flesh, but to redirect attention to God. Fasting should not be considered a “dieting method” either. The purpose of a biblical fast is not to lose weight, but rather to gain deeper fellowship with God. Anyone can fast, but some may not be able to fast from food (diabetics, for example). Everyone can temporarily give up something in order to draw closer to God.

By taking our eyes off the things of this world, we can more successfully turn our attention to Christ. Fasting is not a way to get God to do what we want. Fasting changes us, not God. Fasting is not a way to appear more spiritual than others. Fasting is to be done in a spirit of humility with a joyful attitude. Matthew 6:16-18 declares, “When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show men they are fasting. I tell you the truth; they have received their reward in full. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that it will not be obvious to men that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

Source: [www.gotquestions.org/fasting-christians](http://www.gotquestions.org/fasting-christians)

## Come Be Energized



After some time away from the church, author Donald E. Miller returned to the fold. He writes: "One thing that brought me back ... was asking simply: What are the alternatives to the church? Where are the communities that sanction the pursuit of meaning and truth as a legitimate enterprise? that have material and personal resources to assist in this search? that provide regular occasions for confession of failures? that renew and inspire? that provide a setting where children are nurtured? where family members can be buried? where births can be celebrated? where social issues can be debated?"

Miller concludes: "There are a number of institutions that deal with one or several of these questions, but historically the church has demonstrated its ability to energize all of these activities."



### Bible Quiz

In the Gospels, Jesus raised several people from death. Which of the following was not one of them?

- A. Tabitha
- B. Jairus's daughter
- C. A widow's son
- D. Lazarus



Answer: A (See Acts 9, Luke 5, Mark 5, John 11.)

## The Haircut

Submitted by Maxine Gardner

One day a florist went to a barber for a haircut. After the cut, he asked about his bill, and the barber replied, "I cannot accept money from you, I'm doing community service this week."

The florist was pleased and left the shop. When the barber went to open his shop the next morning, there was a "thank you" card and a dozen roses waiting for him at his door.

Later, a cop comes in for a haircut, and when he tries to pay his bill, the barber again replied, "I cannot accept money from you, I'm doing community service this week."

The cop was happy and left the shop. The next morning when the barber went to open up, there was a "thank you" card and a dozen donuts waiting for him at his door.

Then a Congressman came in for a haircut, and when he went to pay his bill, the barber again replied, "I cannot accept money from you, I'm doing community service this week."

The Congressman was very happy and left the shop. The next morning, when the barber went to open up, there were a dozen Congressmen lined up waiting for a free haircut.

And that, my friends, illustrates the fundamental difference between the citizens of our country and the politicians who run it.

(Author Unknown)

# The Tulsa Race Riot and Massacre

Submitted by Wendell Smitherman

## Remembering the Heroes Who Fought to Save Black Wall Street

One of the worst race massacres in the nation's history occurred in Tulsa, Oklahoma over a 14-hour period May 31-June 1, 1921.

And although most of the remembrance is focused on the incredible loss of life, property, and wealth, the heroism of the Black men in the defense of Greenwood is a story we can all be proud of.

Before there was a massacre it was a story of Black men standing fearlessly against racism and oppression, in defense of their community and one of its members. Most of the men were World War I veterans who found themselves—after returning home from defending this country from the enemy without—having to fight insurmountable bigotry and racism from the enemy within. It was said that a young Black man mistakenly stepped on the foot or stumbled into a white female elevator operator causing her to scream. The police were called and later a local newspaper ran a false incendiary article claiming the man, whose name was Rowland, sexually assaulted her. Rowland was taken to jail. A White lynch mob showed up demanding that he be turned over to them.

According to accounts a contingent of upwards of 75 African American men came to the courthouse and offered their services to the authorities to stop any lynching attempt. (26 Black men had been lynched in Oklahoma in the previous two decades).

As they were leaving, a white man tried to disarm one of the Black veterans, and a shot was fired. Several people were killed. All hell broke loose.

Over the next six hours Tulsa was plunged into chaos as angry whites, frustrated over the failed lynching began to vent their rage at African Americans in general.

Furious fighting erupted near a railroad where Black defenders were able to hold off members of the White mob. There was a killing of an unarmed Black man at a downtown movie theatre, while carloads of Whites were making drive-by shootings in Black residential neighborhoods. By midnight, fires had been set all along the edge of the African American commercial district.

Whites began to organize for a dawn invasion of Greenwood. The local authorities did little to stem the growing crisis. Shortly after an outbreak of gunfire at the courthouse, Tulsa police actually deputized former members of the lynch mob.

Shortly before dawn on June 1, thousands of armed Whites had gathered along the fringes of Greenwood. When day-break came they poured into the African American district, looting homes and businesses and setting them on fire. Numerous atrocities occurred, including the murder of A.C. Jackson, a renowned black surgeon. One battle near Standpipe Hill, which stood just west of the present Oklahoma State University-Tulsa campus, had reportedly 50 Blacks who “fought like tigers”. The last organized resistance came from the Mount Zion Baptist Church tower. When they refused to come out, the new church valued at \$80,000 was set on fire.

In the end, those who remained to fight were simply outgunned and outnumbered. By the time the National Guard arrived on the Morning of June 1, most of Greenwood had already been put to the torch. Fire consumed Greenwood's main business district and more than 1100 homes. Only a few houses, one or two churches and Booker T. Washington High School survived.

Source: Challenger Community News—thechallengercommunitynews.com



Superintendent of Sunday School: *Rev. Brady Bennett*  
 Assistant Superintendent of Sunday School: *Bro. Henry Chestnut*  
 Director of Christian Education: *Rev. Ronald Davis*

The Sunday School classes will be conducting lessons via Zoom for the time being.

**Note: The Juniors Sunday School Class Zoom Information, Effective October 2, 2022, has changed, Please see below.**

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**We invite you, your family, friends and neighbors to join our Sunday School Classes; you will be blessed! All classes are being held onsite and virtually with the exception of the Beginners and Primaries. They are online only.**

CLASSES	ZOOM ID'S	PASSWORDS	CLASS TIMES
Adult Men and Women	927 219 5591	4Y06SC	9:30-10:30 AM (ET)
Adult Women	801 855 9447	646902	9:30-10:30 AM (ET)
<b>Millennial Sunday School</b> for Teens and Young Adults	314 202 2102	503816	9:30-10:30 AM (ET)
Juniors (10-12 yrs.)	755 2646 4085	3WCNis	9:30-10:30 AM (ET)
Primaries (7-9 yrs.)	830 6987 0617	primary	10:00-10:55 AM (ET)
Beginners (4-6 yrs.)	246 295 5225	5TykPq	10:00-10:40 AM (ET)

**The list of lessons for FEBRUARY includes the following:**

DATE	LESSON	SCRIPTURE
February 6	Trials and Denials	John 18:15-27
February 13	Pilate: What Is Truth?	John 18:28-40
February 20	Crucifixion and Death	John 19:16-30
February 27	Jesus by the Sea of Tiberias	John 21:1-14





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*"Come over into Macedonia and help us." ACTS 16:9*



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